

Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)

Bubble Chart Data Packet

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The FFPSA Congregate Care Data Packet is designed to support counties and voluntary agencies' efforts to: 1) assess and analyze congregate care (CC) practice in relation to FFPSA expectations and 2) analyze current CC population for opportunities/vulnerabilities under FFPSA. Every Local District of Social Services (LDSS) and each voluntary agency (VA) with 5 or more movements into CC in 2017 will receive an individualized data packet. The Data Packet includes:

1. FFPSA Bubble Chart—Movements into Congregate Care in 2017 and Their 12-Month Follow Up (**file name: [Name of LDSS / VA]_Bubble.pdf**)
 - a. Version #1: Number of movements shown in each bubble
 - b. Version #2: Percentage shown in each bubble

2. Supplemental Tables (**file name: [Name of LDSS / VA]_Tables.pdf**)
 - a. Supplemental Table 1: Children who Moved into Congregate Care in 2017—This table corresponds to Row B of the Bubble Chart and provides demographics (sex, race/ethnicity, and age at entry) about children who moved into CC in 2017, along with other information such as case type, foster care or CC history, facility type prior to movement into CC (for step-ups only), and length of time in foster care or previous facility (for step-ups only).
 - b. Supplemental Table 2a (for New Admissions) and Supplemental Table 2b (for Step-Ups): Children Who Exit Congregate Care within 1 Year and Those Who Remain in Care, 2017 sample—These two tables correspond to Rows D and E of the Bubble Chart. They are designed for further drill-down of your congregate care population according to their status in the follow-up period: Still in CC at 366 day, Exit within 30 days, Exit between 31 and 60 days, and Exit between 61 and 365 days.
(*In the VA's version, a "CC Transfer" category is added to these tables)
 - c. Supplemental Table 3a (for New Admissions) and Supplemental Table 3b (for Step-Ups): Children Who Exited Congregate Care within 1 Year, 2017 sample—These two tables correspond to Rows F of the Bubble Chart. They allow users to compare the demographic information of children who exited CC through two doors: discharged from custody or step down into trial discharge or lower-level of care.
 - d. In addition, to assist counties and voluntary agencies to assess and understand your CC practice in a broader context, this file also includes the followings:
 - Table 1 and Figure 1: Movement into Congregate Care from 2015-2018
 - Table 2 and Figure 2: Movement into Foster Homes from 2015-2018

3. Individual Child-Level File (**file name: [Name of LDSS / VA]_Child List.xls**)

- a. Each LDSS and VA will receive a password protected excel file. This file will contain personal, demographic, and foster care information on every child who entered CC in 2017. This file will allow counties and voluntary agencies to find the individual children who traveled down a specific path in the bubble chart or supplemental tables for deeper dives into the data.
4. Additional Resources
 - a. FFPSA Goal Setting Worksheet (LDSS only)
 - This worksheet walks through how to calculate the number of children each LDSS would need to move into relative homes or out of congregate care to meet the New York State goals to help assist in LDSS level goal setting. This worksheet can also be used to monitor your progress in these areas over time. Data to complete the worksheet can be found in the LCM chart (below), or by running the “Child in Care by Child Status” report in the FFPSA folder in the Data Warehouse.
 - b. FFPSA LCM Attachment B Chart
 - This chart was included with 19-OCFS-LCM-09, which described the Family First Transition Fund. It contains data on both relative and congregate care placements for each LDSS from 2017-2019. This chart can be used to complete the goal setting worksheet (above).
 - c. Guide for Bubble Charts
 - This is a one-page guide of questions to consider when looking through the bubble charts and supplemental tables. It contains a guide on where to find information to answer different questions.
 - d. Resource Guide
 - This is a short guide on all of the FFPSA congregate care resources, including where they can be found.
 - e. Data Dictionary
 - The data dictionary provides a definition for each column in your child-level file.

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Congregate Care Data Resource Guide

This resource guide provides you with a quick overview of the data resources available to you as you analyze and assess your congregate care population. Please go to the NYS Family First Readiness website at: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/sppd/family-first.asp> for more information. If you have questions about any of these data resources, please e-mail FamilyFirstNY@ocfs.ny.gov with the subject heading "CC Data Question."

Resource	Short Description	Location
FFPSA Bubble Charts	Visual representation of entries into CC in 2017 and one-year follow-up	Included in FFPSA Bubble Chart Data Packet
Supplemental Tables for FFPSA Bubble Charts	More detailed information on children in the bubble charts	Included in FFPSA Bubble Chart Data Packet
Individual Child-Level File for FFPSA Bubble Charts	Individual level data on the children in the bubble charts	Included in FFPSA Bubble Chart Data Packet
FFPSA Goal setting worksheet (LDSS Only)	Worksheet to help use your current data to set FFPSA goals	Included in FFPSA Bubble Chart Data Packet and on FFPSA website
FFPSA LCM Attachment B Chart	Chart with data on LDSS relative care and congregate care numbers and percents	Released in LCM, in data packets, and available on FFPSA website
Guide for Bubble Charts	Guide with questions to consider when looking at the bubble charts, along with where to find the answers	Released in data packet and available on FFPSA website
FFPSA Data Warehouse Video	Short video showing how to access and use the new FFPSA data warehouse folder	Available on FFPSA website and Data Warehouse website

Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Goal Setting Worksheet

How many children would need to move to achieve the FFPSA goals set by NYS?

Row	Data Needed	Where can I find it?	Answer
A	Total Number of Children in Care and Custody	FFPSA LCM Attachment B or Child in Care by Child Status Report Data Warehouse -Total Column	
B	Actual Number of Children in Relative Care	FFPSA LCM Attachment B or Child in Care by Child Status Report Data Warehouse -Find "Facility Type" Row -Total column in "Approved Relative Home" row	
C	Target Number of Children in Relative Care	Row A multiplied by .30 (NYS Goal of 30%)	
D	Number of Children that would need to move into relative care to meet target	Row C minus Row B	
E	Actual Number in Institution/Group Care	FFPSA LCM Attachment B or Child in Care by Child Status Report In Data Warehouse -Find "Facility Type" Row -Total column in "Institution/Group Care" row	
F	Target Number in Institution/Group Care	Row A multiplied by .12 (NYS Goal of 12%)	
G	Number of Children that would need to move out of Institution/Group Care to meet target	Row E minus Row F	

This exercise gives you an idea of the number of children who would be in congregate care and kinship care settings if your county were meeting the goals set by NYS. Set your county level goals in accordance with where your county is performing now – the NYS goals are where we hope to be as a state by September 21, 2021.

LCM ATTACHMENT B CHART

Number and Percentage of Children in LDSS Custody by Select Placement Setting Types on December 31st																		
	12/31/2016					12/31/2017					12/31/2018							
	Total Children In LDSS Custody ¹		Approved Relative Home ²		Institution/Group Care ³		Total Children In LDSS Custody ¹		Approved Relative Home ²		Institution/Group Care ³		Total Children In LDSS Custody ¹		Approved Relative Home ²		Institution/Group Care ³	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	19,126	3,693	19%	3,334	17%	18,623	4,095	22%	3,173	17%	18,081	4,505	25%	2,971	16%			
ALBANY	228	8	4%	75	33%	239	12	5%	70	29%	232	13	6%	58	25%			
ALLEGANY	58	8	14%	11	19%	57	12	21%	9	16%	47	14	30%	10	21%			
BROOME	269	13	5%	67	25%	275	13	5%	71	26%	291	12	4%	65	22%			
CATTARAUGUS	75	4	5%	13	17%	65	3	5%	20	31%	54	10	19%	11	20%			
CAYUGA	68	1	1%	20	29%	66	1	2%	12	18%	71	1	1%	5	7%			
CHAUTAUQUA	111	5	5%	20	18%	112	19	17%	22	20%	116	14	12%	22	19%			
CHEMUNG	90	2	2%	17	19%	101	10	10%	16	16%	97	18	19%	11	11%			
CHENANGO	60	16	27%	8	13%	54	9	17%	6	11%	67	9	13%	4	6%			
CLINTON	78	5	6%	12	15%	79	3	4%	13	16%	85	13	15%	17	20%			
COLUMBIA	59	3	5%	22	37%	41	2	5%	15	37%	47	0	0%	20	43%			
CORTLAND	53	7	13%	4	8%	55	5	9%	5	9%	61	11	18%	7	11%			
DELAWARE	66	0	0%	3	5%	44	0	0%	2	5%	37	0	0%	1	3%			
DUTCHESS	312	33	11%	106	34%	288	34	12%	92	32%	227	48	21%	60	26%			
ERIE	979	84	9%	238	24%	942	139	15%	199	21%	837	150	18%	178	21%			
ESSEX	40	9	23%	4	10%	53	10	19%	9	17%	67	8	12%	14	21%			
FRANKLIN	136	15	11%	9	7%	191	54	28%	7	4%	171	52	30%	9	5%			
FULTON	39	2	5%	17	44%	32	0	0%	13	41%	27	1	4%	10	37%			
GENESEE	80	6	8%	19	24%	59	6	10%	11	19%	69	3	4%	13	19%			
GREENE	72	26	36%	20	28%	59	11	19%	19	32%	57	5	9%	15	26%			
HAMILTON	1	0	n/a	1	n/a	2	0	0%	1	50%	2	0	0%	1	50%			
HERKIMER	81	1	1%	23	28%	94	3	3%	23	24%	90	5	6%	15	17%			
JEFFERSON	108	5	5%	6	6%	112	2	2%	8	7%	134	20	15%	9	7%			
LEWIS	16	1	6%	1	6%	5	0	0%	1	20%	13	0	0%	0	0%			
LIVINGSTON	51	0	0%	9	18%	36	0	0%	7	19%	37	2	5%	7	19%			
MADISON	37	4	11%	15	41%	31	1	3%	8	26%	34	5	15%	10	29%			
MONROE	424	8	2%	103	24%	437	13	3%	98	22%	482	15	3%	91	19%			
MONTGOMERY	59	1	2%	19	32%	70	1	1%	17	24%	56	1	2%	18	32%			
NASSAU	187	16	9%	56	30%	156	12	8%	48	31%	192	19	10%	70	36%			
NEW YORK	11218	3007	27%	1378	12%	10903	3234	30%	1390	13%	10309	3389	33%	1333	13%			
NIAGARA	184	7	4%	41	22%	179	9	5%	37	21%	185	17	9%	35	19%			
ONEIDA	225	27	12%	60	27%	215	24	11%	68	32%	223	41	18%	63	28%			
ONONDAGA	378	6	2%	94	25%	385	25	6%	80	21%	437	84	19%	79	18%			
ONTARIO	83	9	11%	10	12%	66	11	17%	9	14%	59	11	19%	10	17%			
ORANGE	392	48	12%	81	21%	409	70	17%	81	20%	387	78	20%	59	15%			
ORLEANS	40	0	0%	8	20%	41	2	5%	5	12%	33	0	0%	5	15%			
OSWEGO	64	3	5%	18	28%	110	12	11%	21	19%	157	17	11%	17	11%			
OTSEGO	34	0	0%	5	15%	33	2	6%	5	15%	36	3	8%	3	8%			
PUTNAM	23	2	9%	4	17%	17	2	12%	4	24%	22	4	18%	5	23%			
RENSSELAER	97	1	1%	50	52%	83	0	0%	37	45%	81	2	2%	37	46%			
ROCKLAND	58	3	5%	22	38%	64	4	6%	15	23%	68	14	21%	10	15%			
SARATOGA	57	0	0%	24	42%	61	1	2%	21	34%	54	2	4%	18	33%			
SCHENECTADY	249	29	12%	61	24%	219	24	11%	76	35%	237	31	13%	65	27%			
SCHOHARIE	53	1	2%	12	23%	50	1	2%	12	24%	59	0	0%	11	19%			
SCHUYLER	24	1	4%	0	0%	22	0	0%	5	23%	25	3	12%	8	32%			
SENECA	45	3	7%	8	18%	50	3	6%	9	18%	43	3	7%	9	21%			
ST. LAWRENCE	192	7	4%	30	16%	186	15	8%	22	12%	239	34	14%	23	10%			
ST. REGIS	18	2	11%	1	6%	18	11	61%	2	11%	20	10	50%	3	15%			
STEBEN	105	2	2%	20	19%	93	3	3%	12	13%	112	6	5%	21	19%			
SUFFOLK	605	95	16%	175	29%	604	113	19%	172	28%	535	136	25%	154	29%			
SULLIVAN	84	1	1%	24	29%	101	1	1%	35	35%	133	2	2%	36	27%			
TIOGA	31	4	13%	6	19%	25	5	20%	5	20%	30	6	20%	7	23%			
TOMPKINS	124	35	28%	12	10%	96	32	33%	13	14%	73	26	36%	8	11%			
ULSTER	143	33	23%	38	27%	168	49	29%	38	23%	191	67	35%	45	24%			
WARREN	48	2	4%	13	27%	32	0	0%	9	28%	26	0	0%	6	23%			
WASHINGTON	56	0	0%	14	25%	49	3	6%	3	6%	42	4	10%	7	17%			
WAYNE	36	0	0%	5	14%	26	0	0%	8	31%	23	0	0%	4	17%			
WESTCHESTER	571	81	14%	187	33%	503	63	13%	140	28%	495	64	13%	128	26%			
WYOMING	41	0	0%	13	32%	45	0	0%	15	33%	35	0	0%	11	31%			
YATES	11	1	9%	2	18%	15	1	7%	2	13%	12	2	17%	0	0%			

Notes: Prepared by the OCFS Bureau of Research, Evaluation and Performance Analytics on 4/30/2019.

¹ Total Children in LDSS Custody refers to all children in the care and custody of the local district on 12/31; this includes youth in 24-hour care, absent youth and youth on trial discharge status.

² Approved relative home includes all children in an approved relative foster home as of 12/31; both children in 24-hour care and children on absent status are included. Children living in certified foster/adoptive homes where the foster parent is a relative are not captured in this category.

³ Institution/group care includes all children living in an agency operated boarding home, group home, group residence, or institutional setting on 12/31. Children living in supervised independent living programs are not included in this category. Both children in 24-hour care and children on absent status are included in the category total.

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Bubble Charts

How many of my entries into CC are new admissions versus step-ups?

- Look at Row B in the bubble chart to find out.
- Which path should I focus on first to have the most impact in reducing my congregate care (CC) population?

How do my congregate care admissions vary by case type?

- Look at Row C in the bubble chart to find out.
- What percent of my congregate care admissions were child welfare cases, versus JD/PINS? Should I consider coordinating with someone from probation about strategies to keep JD/PINS youth out of CC?

How many children remain in congregate care for more than one year?

- Look in Row D of the bubble chart to find out.
- Could we implement strategies that would reduce extensions of stay so that children would remain in congregate care for the shortest appropriate amount of time?

How many children stay in congregate care for 60 days or less?

- Look in Row E of the bubble chart to find out.
- Why are these children entering CC for such a short length of time? Could we implement strategies to keep these children out of CC entirely?

How do my entries into congregate care look over time?

- Look at Figure 1 to find out.
- Have my entries into congregate care been trending up, down, or have they remained the same? What has changed in my county over the past few years that might explain some of these changes?

How many of the children who moved into CC lived in institutions? How many lived in group homes or other settings?

- Look in the "Children in Congregate Care by Facility Type" table to find out.
- Could we implement strategies to help those children living in non-institutional settings be successful in a home based setting?

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Child List File: County Data Dictionary

This data dictionary provides you with definition of each column in your child-level file. The child-level file is an event based file and a child may appear multiple times (e.g., same child appearing in multiple rows) depending on the number of congregate care (CC) entries in 2017. It includes all key indicators found in the bubble charts and the supplemental tables.

Column Name	Definition
LDSS	Name of the Local District of Social Services
CIN	Child's CIN number
CHILD_NM	Child's full name
Entry_CC_Date	Date when child entered congregate care (CC) program
Entry_Type	How child entered CC program—new admission or step up
DOB	Child's date of birth
SEX	Child's sex (F-Female; M-Male)
RACE	Child's race / ethnicity
Age@Entry	Child's age at entry into CC program
Facility_Type@Entry	The type of CC facility (institution, group residence, group home, AOBH or SILP) entered
Case_Type	The case type (Child-welfare, JD, or PINS) when child entered CC program
Prior_FosterCare_Experience	Child had been placed in foster care prior to the current foster care placement (Yes or No)
Prior_CC_Experience	Child had entered CC program prior to the current CC entry (Yes or No)
Prior_Facility	For step up only —the facility type with which child was placed prior to CC entry
Prior_Facility_VID	For step up only —the Vender ID of the facility with which child was placed prior to CC entry
Length_of_Time_in_FC	For step up only —length of time (in months) child was in foster care prior to CC entry
Length_of_Time_in_Prior_Facility	For step up only —the length of time (in months) the child was in the lower level-of-care facility (Prior_Facility) before CC entry
Status@366_day_follow_up	Child's status at the end of the one-year follow-up period. A child will be classified as "in CC" if the child remained in the same CC program or moved to another type of CC program. Children who left foster care entirely at CC exit are categorized as "custodial discharge". Children who exited CC to home-based care or trial discharge are categorized as "TD or Step Down"
Step_Down_Facility	Facility type into which child stepped down
Days_in_CC_before_Exit	Number of days child stayed in CC before exit